

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

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SMUGGLING CASES
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the cases of smuggling from Singapore, Bangkok and Hongkong into the country are on the increase during the past six months;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether this trend has affected domestic market and industry adversely; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken to curb this menace?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI. S. S. PALANIMANICKAM)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. The details of cases of smuggling from Singapore, Bangkok and Hongkong into the country during the past six months are as under:-

Period	No.of cases	Value of goods seized (Rs.in crores)
01-01-2004 to 30-06-2004	632	8.77
01-01-2005 to 30-06-2005	340	7.61

(c): Nil in view of (a) & (b) above.

(d): All Customs field formations including Directorate of Revenue Intelligence are alert and vigilant to detect and prevent smuggling of all contraband items into the country.